

Celebrating 20 Years of the Forks Education Center

By State Rep. Ann Flood

FORKS TWSP. - For two decades, the River Crossing YMCA's Forks Education Center has provided local children and families with high-quality early childhood education in a safe, nurturing environment.

It was a pleasure to attend the center's 20th anniversary celebration, read a "Pete the Cat" story to preschool children, and meet the teachers and staff who make the center such an important part of our community. Since opening in 2006, the center has provided high-quality education and care to more than 1,000 children and families, serving infants through pre-K.

To mark the occasion, I presented the River Crossing YMCA with a certificate of recognition from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives honoring the Forks Education Center's 20 years of service. I also toured the center and learned more about the programs and services it provides.

Congratulations to the entire River Crossing YMCA team on this important anniversary. I look forward to seeing all that the Forks Education Center accomplishes in the years ahead!



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Raymond Durkin, MD, St. Luke's Cardiovascular Services Chairman, alongside other dignitaries, officially cuts the ribbon for the new St. Luke's Heart Hospital

New St. Luke's Heart Hospital Opens

By Sam Kennedy

LEHIGH VALLEY - St. Luke's University Health Network on Friday opened the new St. Luke's Heart Hospital at St. Luke's Anderson Campus.

A ribbon cutting ceremony at the Bethlehem Township facility was attended by roughly 200 people. Among the speakers at the event was St. Luke's President & CEO Rick Anderson, who noted the significance of opening the Heart Hospital during United States' 250th anniversary year.

"The new St. Luke's Heart Hospital stands as an essential expression of what American ingenuity, innovation and determination can achieve," Anderson said. "Like every hospital built by St. Luke's, it was constructed with American steel with an unwavering commitment to excellence. Combining world-class technology, leading-edge design and the expertise of our exceptional clinicians, this facility reflects St. Luke's and our nation's proud tradition of pioneering advances in health care. Most importantly, it ensures that patients throughout our region have access to some of the finest cardiovascular care available anywhere in the world, right here in the Lehigh Valley."

The \$252 million Heart Hospital is the largest construction project in St. Luke's more than 150-year history, both in dollar figure and square footage.

The five-story, approximately 355,000-square-foot facility is seamlessly integrated into St. Luke's Anderson Campus. A central corridor on each of the upper floors stretches 330 feet — roughly the length of a football field.



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